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In re application of:

Robert C. Blosser

Appl. No. *(to be assigned)*

Filed: February 16, 2001

For: **Method and System for
Enhancing the Performance of a
Fixed Focal Length Imaging
Device**

Confirmation No. *(to be assigned)*

Art Unit: *(to be assigned)*

Examiner: *(to be assigned)*

Atty. Docket: 0701.0670000

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	0701.067000
First Inventor	Robert C. Blosser
Title	Method and System for Enhancing the Performance of a Fixed Focal Length Imaging Device
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

(See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.)

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets : 9]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages : 2]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Two Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No: _____
Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group/Art Unit: _____

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See 37 CFR 1.27

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$40.00
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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of a Fixed Focal Length Imaging Device**

Inventor: Robert C. Blosser
Our Ref: 0701.0670000

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. Application Data Sheet;
4. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Method and System for Enhancing the Performance
of a Fixed Focal Length Imaging Device**

and naming as inventor:

Robert C. Blosser

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - i. 28 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 5 pages of claims (30 claims, 3 independent); and
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 9 sheet(s) of drawings: (Figures 1-7, 8A-8C, and 9);
- c. An original, executed Declaration;
5. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (*in duplicate*);
6. Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
7. An original executed Assignment to **BAE SYSTEMS Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc.**, recordation of which is hereby respectfully requested;
8. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee;
9. A Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) from Assignee with a copy of the Assignment attached;
10. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (*in duplicate*);
11. Form PTO-1449 (one page) with one accompanying document;
12. Our Check No. 30376 for \$ 930.00 to cover:
\$ 710.00 filing fee for patent application,
\$ 180.00 excess total claims fee, and
\$ 40.00 Assignment recordation fee; and
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